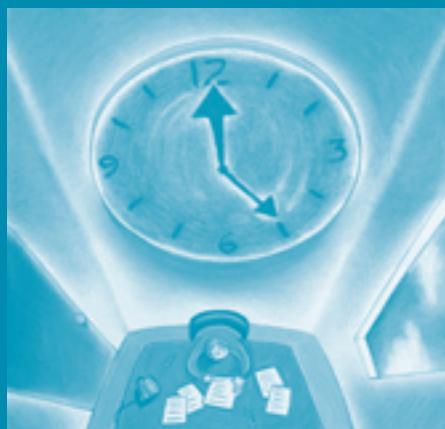




What you should know
about the
Office of Taxpayer
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What is the Office of Taxpayer Burden Reduction?

The Office of Taxpayer Burden Reduction (TBR) was formed in early 2002, as part of the IRS's effort to reduce burden on taxpayers.

TBR's mission is to achieve significant burden reduction for taxpayers, by:

- Developing burden reduction proposals;
- Coordinating and championing burden reduction throughout IRS; and
- Working with Congress, state and Federal agencies, taxpayers and practitioners to identify and implement meaningful burden reduction efforts.

What is Taxpayer Burden?

Taxpayer Burden is defined as the time and money taxpayers spend to comply with their federal tax obligations.



How is the Office of Taxpayer Burden Reduction Focusing Its Efforts?

TBR is focusing its efforts in four major areas:

- Simplifying forms and publications;
- Streamlining internal policies & procedures;
- Promoting less burdensome rulings and laws; and
- Assisting in the development of a new, more accurate burden measurement methodology.

Can the Public Submit Ideas for Reducing Taxpayer Burden?

Yes. Form 13285A, **Reducing Tax Burden on America's Taxpayers**, may be used to submit ideas to TBR. The form can be ordered by calling **1-800-829-3676**.



How will IRS Select Burden Reduction Initiatives?

Burden reduction initiatives will be evaluated and prioritized by:

- Determining the number of taxpayers impacted;
- Quantifying the total time and out-of-pocket savings for taxpayers;
- Evaluating any adverse impact on IRS's voluntary compliance efforts;
- Assessing the feasibility of the initiative, given IRS resource limitations; and
- Tying the initiative into IRS objectives.

Not all burden reduction proposals can be implemented. For example, IRS doesn't have the ability to change existing tax laws; proposals involving legislative changes should be submitted directly to congressional representatives.

Who will select Burden Reduction Initiatives?

Major burden reduction initiatives will be selected by the IRS's Taxpayer Burden Reduction Council. This council consists of top-level executives representing all major operating units in the IRS, ensuring the changes required are implemented smoothly.